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		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT)	

References

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Office:

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Field Office File #: 56-83

Bureau File #: 56-4737

Title: **AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER**

Character: **ELECTION LAWS**

Synopsis: On 8/30/74, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER and American Ship Building Company sentenced in U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, as follows: STEINBRENNER received \$10,000 fine regarding violation Title 18, Section 371, USC and received \$5,000 fine for violation Title 18, Section 3, USC; American Ship Building Company received fine of \$10,000 for violation Title 18, Section 371, USC and received \$10,000 fine for violation Title 18, Section 610, USC.

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DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

On August 30, 1974, United States Attorney (USA) FREDERICK M. COLEMAN, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that United States District Court Judge, LEROY J. CONTIE, JR., Cleveland, Ohio, sentenced subject GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER and the American Ship Building Company, on August 30, 1974, as follows, as a result of guilty pleas on August 23, 1974:

GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER received \$10,000 fine regarding violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code based upon an indictment returned on April 5, 1974 at Cleveland, Ohio. STEINBRENNER also received a \$5,000 fine for violation of Title 18, Section 3, U.S. Code, a misdemeanor, regarding Accessory After the Fact, based upon an Information filed on August 23, 1974 in U.S. District Court, Cleveland.

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The American Ship Building Company received a fine of \$10,000 for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code and received a \$10,000 fine for violation of Title 18, Section 610, U.S. Code, both based upon an indictment returned April 5, 1974 at Cleveland, Ohio. The remaining counts of the indictment were dismissed.

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Transmit in _____ Via Airtel _____
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(Date)

From: Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Mr. []

1 - Mr. []

**ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970, 1972,
TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND
FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL;
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2, UNITED
STATES CODE, SECTIONS 434(b), 440 AND
TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 603**

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OO: CLEVELAND

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated
5/5/75.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of
Section 35, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within **15**
days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results
of a ☒ limited investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminary

Advise ☒ all persons interviewed
☐ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being
conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Remarks: **FBIHQ will notify Congressman Mosher's Office that
investigation is being instituted in this matter. WFO will
interview Congressman Mosher and his administrative assistant,
[] as requested by the Criminal Division.**

**Cleveland and WFO are referred to files 56-83 and
56-311 respectively in the matter entitled "American Ship-
building Company, Election Laws (Accounting and Fraud Section-
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RE: ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER

Watergate Unit)" in which investigation was conducted regarding Steinbrenner's use of corporate funds for political purposes. The report of SA [redacted], 4/8/74, at Cleveland, reported on the 15-count indictment returned 4/5/74 against Steinbrenner and the American Shipbuilding Company. In connection with the requested investigation, enclosed herewith, you are specifically referred to overt acts numbered 4, 5, 11 and 16, and in Count Number II, overtact Number 2; which makes reference to contributions to Mosher, a Senate/House majority dinner and the issuance of a \$5,000 bonus to Steinbrenner employees, including two employees who issued personal checks to Mosher. It appears that some of the contributions referred to in the enclosed request would logically include those contributions already known as set out in the above-mentioned indictment. b6 b7C

The Department is aware of the fact that the Statute of Limitations has already run on some of the possible violations, but states there is always the possibility of establishing a continuing conspiracy.

Both offices note the Criminal Division has advised the activities of both Congressmen and their administrative assistants could make them liable to prosecution, and they, therefore, should be fully advised of their constitutional rights prior to being interviewed concerning these matters.

Cleveland prior to interview of the administrative assistant to former Congressman Minshall, you should note the reference to him in your file 67-6903.

Cleveland Office note that with respect to tracing contributions to Minshall, [redacted] has previously admitted to your office (Cleveland file 139-165) in interview on 6/6/73 that he had accepted \$25,000 in cash from one of the dairy lobbyists while employed with the CREP. The possibility of [redacted] being involved in handling some of Steinbrenner's contributions should not be overlooked. b6 b7C

Airtel to SACs, Cleveland
WFO

RE: ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,
III, IN 1970, 1972

NOTE: See memorandum, [REDACTED] to Mr. Gebhardt, same
caption, dated 5/9/75, JJB:kfk.

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however, STEINBRENNER is not a constituent of MOSHER. MOSHER stated that he is also familiar with A. DAVID BAUMHART. MOSHER stated that BAUMHART is a former Congressman from the 13th District of Ohio and was the representative of this district just prior to MOSHER. MOSHER further stated that [redacted] is currently a District Representative for him in the 13th District of Ohio, and was [redacted] for the "Mosher for Congress Committee" in his election campaigns in 1970 and 1972. Congressman MOSHER stated that [redacted] maintains an office at Lorain, Ohio.

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Congressman MOSHER stated that with regard to his 1970 election campaign, he wanted to state emphatically that he at no time received any of the checks which were submitted to his committee nor had he any knowledge or information at the time, prior to his election in 1970, that any of these checks which had gone to his committee were from any corporation or employee of the corporation. Congressman MOSHER stated that it was his understanding and belief that the checks or monies received by [redacted], at the "Mosher for Congress Committee" were either personal checks or personal funds of these individuals. Congressman MOSHER stated that the only time that he was aware or had knowledge who these individuals were that submitted personal checks was from a report which [redacted] prepared and submitted to the Secretary of State for Ohio setting forth the total contributions received. Congressman MOSHER stated that after his election in the Fall of 1970, he saw a copy of this report which [redacted] had prepared and submitted to the State of Ohio, and it was at this time, for the first time, that he recognized one name, that of GORDON STAFFORD, as being an employee of the American Shipbuilding Company in Ohio. Congressman MOSHER stated that he believes that STAFFORD was the president of the American Shipbuilding Company. Congressman MOSHER further stated that none of the other names were recognized by him as employees or associates of the American Shipbuilding Company. Congressman MOSHER stated that the only information on the report was the name and address of the contributor. Congressman MOSHER further stated that although it was later established that the checks came from corporate funds, he at no time prior to the election in the Fall of 1970 knew this to be a fact. Congressman MOSHER stated that he received considerable criticism from the press and his opponents in the area regarding this.

Congressman MOSHER at first estimated his total contributions for his election campaign in the Fall of 1970 as \$15,000 to \$16,000. Congressman MOSHER later reviewed a copy of a report to the Secretary of State of Ohio which indicated that the total contributions received for his election campaign in 1970 was \$17,374.73.

Congressman MOSHER stated that he did not receive any of these checks or monies for his campaign in 1970. Congressman MOSHER stated that [redacted] probably received the checks at his office in Lorain, Ohio, but Congressman MOSHER does not know this for a fact and referred such questions to be directed to [redacted].

Congressman MOSHER stated that BAUMHART is currently associated with a public relations firm in Ohio and his principal client was American Shipbuilding Company. Congressman MOSHER stated that he had no knowledge or information as to whether or not BAUMHART personally delivered any of the checks or monies to [redacted] during his election campaign in 1970. Congressman MOSHER referred such questions to be directed to [redacted].

Congressman MOSHER stated that upon reflection it did concern him after the election of 1970 that a large sum or part of the total contributions received in his election campaign of 1970 apparently came from the American Shipbuilding Company. Congressman MOSHER stated, however, that at the time and during his campaign of 1970 he did not know this to be a fact nor had he any information or knowledge that this was the case.

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Congressman MOSHER stated that as far as any dates, amounts or details of the checks and monies received in his election campaign in the Fall of 1970, such information would have to come from his [redacted] for "Mosher for Congress Committee". Congressman MOSHER stated that any information he furnished regarding the details and specifics would be hearsay information and it would be best obtained from [redacted].

Congressman MOSHER stated that [redacted] was again his [redacted] for "Mosher for Congress Committee" in his election campaign of 1972. Congressman MOSHER stated that his opponent was making numerous insinuations and references

to the large sum of money that came from the American Shipbuilding Company during his election campaign of 1970. Congressman MOSHER stated that, therefore, he was very much concerned about this in his campaign of 1972.

Congressman MOSHER stated that to the best of his recollection, the following took place: In the Summer of 1972, date and exact location unknown at this time, BAUMHART told MOSHER that STEINBRENNER wanted to contribute substantially to MOSHER's campaign in 1972. Congressman MOSHER stated that he indicated that he had accepted checks, personal checks in 1970 in good faith and had no idea that they were corporate funds. Congressman MOSHER believes he told this to BAUMHART and told him that he did not want any part of corporate funds. In addition Congressman MOSHER told [] not to accept any monies from BAUMHART as they would probably be corporate funds. Congressman MOSHER stated, however, that he was unaware that BAUMHART had apparently gone to see [] at his Lorain office in Lorain, Ohio, and had given [] \$1,000 in cash. Congressman MOSHER stated that he was not present nor had he knowledge of this at the time. Congressman MOSHER stated that when he learned that BAUMHART had given \$1,000 in cash to [] the implication that MOSHER received from [] was that this money was not to be reported as contributions. However, Congressman MOSHER stated that he at no time had any information or knowledge that the money was corporate funds. Congressman MOSHER further stated that he had had no contact with STEINBRENNER during this period just prior to his election in 1972. Congressman MOSHER stated that he later learned that an additional \$500 had been given to [] by BAUMHART and this constituted a personal contribution from Mr. and Mrs. A. DAVID BAUMHART to the election campaign for MOSHER in 1972. Congressman MOSHER stated that to the best of his knowledge this money of \$500 was accepted as a personal contribution and was reported as such in his election campaign for 1972.

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Congressman MOSHER stated that there were additional monies proffered to [] by BAUMHART and MOSHER believes that there was a second \$1,000 figure, a third \$1,000 and then a \$500 figure in cash. Congressman MOSHER stated that he believes these last three figures were received by [] subsequent to his election in 1972 and extended into March or April of 1973. Congressman MOSHER stated that as best he could recollect at this time the final figure

was handed to [] from BAUMHART at a picnic in Ohio. However, Congressman MOSHER stated that he does not know the dates or places involved in these transactions between BAUMHART and [].

Congressman MOSHER stated that BAUMHART insisted that the money was not corporate funds but were the personal funds of STEINBRENNER. Congressman MOSHER stated that [] did not mingle this money with any other contributions or funds and repaid the exact cash given to him by BAUMHART. Congressman MOSHER stated that the \$500 was accepted as a personal contribution from Mr. and Mrs. BAUMHART. Congressman MOSHER stated that at no time did he believe that these funds were corporate funds, but in view of the criticism that he had received in his previous election of 1970, he was most concerned about this money and wanted it returned. Congressman MOSHER stated that he believes [] tried to schedule an appointment with STEINBRENNER during his several trips back to Ohio, but they met with negative results. Congressman MOSHER stated that upon reflection he wished he had made more serious efforts in making an arrangement with STEINBRENNER to return the money.

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Congressman MOSHER stated that on September 15, 1973, [] went to STEINBRENNER's office in Ohio and returned \$3,500 in cash, "precisely as it was received." Congressman MOSHER stated that he believes a statement was made by STEINBRENNER that it was his personal funds and that he was going out to purchase an automobile with the money. Congressman MOSHER stated that, in fact, he believes STEINBRENNER did purchase an automobile at this time.

Congressman MOSHER stated that it was his impression that \$1,500 was received from BAUMHART prior to his election in 1972, and \$2,500 was received after the election. Congressman MOSHER stated that again it would be best to direct these questions to [] as he would have firsthand information and knowledge regarding same. Congressman MOSHER further stated that information regarding the report to the Secretary of State for Ohio from the "Mosher for Congress Committee" should further be obtained from [] as he prepared and submitted same for his election in November, 1970.

Congressman MOSHER stated that he has no information or knowledge regarding any dealings, transactions or contacts between BAUMHART and former Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL.

Congressman MOSHER stated that during his election campaign in 1970 other than the name GORDON STAFFORD, he had no information or knowledge that any checks received by his committee were from employees of the American Shipbuilding Company. Congressman MOSHER stated that he later learned that several individuals that contributed with personal checks to his committee were, in fact, employees of the company through newspaper reporting and court proceedings. Congressman MOSHER reviewed a copy of "Statement of Receipt, Expenditures, Etc. of Candidates or Committees" covering his election of November, 1970, and stated that there were indications that checks were received from ROBERT E. BARTLOME, [redacted] and ROBERT L. DIBBLE.

Congressman MOSHER again stated that these contributions were made with personal checks; were reported as individual contributions and receipts were given for same. Congressman MOSHER stated that they were reported as such and there was no reason at the time to believe otherwise. Congressman MOSHER stated that after the elections he did review a copy of this statement or report but the only indication thereon were the names and the addresses for these individuals. Congressman MOSHER stated that since this report or statement was prepared by [redacted] specific questions regarding same should be directed to him.

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Congressman MOSHER stated that he had no information or knowledge at the time contributions were made that GEORGE H. STEINBRENNER, III, had authorized any bonuses to be paid to individuals or employees of his company, American Shipbuilding Company, and in turn this money be contributed to his committee. Congressman MOSHER further stated that he had no information or knowledge at any time that STEINBRENNER had authorized contributions from corporate funds to be made to his committee.

Congressman MOSHER stated that he and his wife were guests of STEINBRENNER at a fund-raising dinner some time in February, 1972. Congressman MOSHER stated that he could not recall specifically this affair, but believes it was a \$100 or \$500 a plate dinner and STEINBRENNER had

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reserved two or three tables and invited several other guests in addition to Mr. and Mrs. MOSHER.

Congressman MOSHER advised that he could furnish no further information regarding this matter and expressed his continued desire to cooperate in every way in clearing this matter up as he was most concerned about it. Congressman MOSHER stated that he had to answer a roll call on the floor of the Congress and was pressed for time, consequently, a signed statement was not obtained.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation

DATE: May 5 1975

FROM: *JCK* John C. Keeney
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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72-017-57

SUBJECT: Possible violations of Title 2, United States Code, Sections
434(b), 440, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 603

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This Division has received information from the Special Prosecutor and George M. Steinbrenner, III, Chairman of the Board of American Shipbuilding Company, that Steinbrenner made substantial cash contributions to Congressman Charles A. Mosher and former Congressman William E. Minshall during the 1970 and 1972 election campaigns. A review of the reports filed by Congressman Mosher, former Congressman Minshall and their respective campaign committees indicates that no contributions were reported received from George M. Steinbrenner, III.

According to our information, a former Congressman, A. David Baumhart delivered for Steinbrenner a total of \$5,000 cash, in several trips during the fall of 1970, to Congressman Mosher's administrative assistant and [redacted] in Mosher's Lorrain, Ohio office. It is further alleged that Baumhart delivered for Steinbrenner another \$5,000 during this same time period in various trips to former Congressman Minshall's administrative assistant, Paul Brokaw, in Minshall's Cleveland office.

The same procedure was followed in the fall of 1972, except that the total amount delivered to [redacted] in 1972 was \$4,000, and that Steinbrenner personally delivered approximately \$1,000 of the \$5,000 total to Brokaw in a Cleveland restaurant. During the fall of 1973, Congressman Mosher and [redacted] returned \$3,500 to Steinbrenner in Steinbrenner's Lorrain office.

It is requested that the Bureau interview Congressman Mosher, former Congressman Minshall, [redacted] and Paul Brokaw to determine the complete circumstances of the solicitation and receipt of the 1970 and 1972 contributions. The Bureau is also requested to determine the dates and places of the delivery of contributions, including the purpose for which the offices in which the receipt of contributions occurred, were used. It will be necessary to determine the



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there is a discrepancy of \$500 between the 1972 contribution of \$4,000 to Congressman Mosher and the return of \$3,500 to Steinbrenner in 1973, and the date thereof. Indications are that \$500 was attributed by [redacted] as a contribution from A. David Baumhart.

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We have no addresses for former Congressman Minshall or Paul Brokaw. They may be in the Cleveland area. [redacted] address can be obtained from Congressman Mosher.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: May 9, 1975

FROM :

- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
(Attn: Mr. [REDACTED])
- 1 - Administrative Division
(Mr. [REDACTED] (Watergate Unit))

SUBJECT: ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970,
1972, TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A.
MOSHER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E.
MINSHALL; POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 1
434(b), 440 AND TITLE 18, UNITED
STATES CODE, SECTION 603
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By memorandum 5/5/75, the Criminal Division of the Department has requested interviews with Congressman Charles A. Mosher (R. - Ohio), former Congressman William E. Minshall (R. - Ohio) and their respective administrative assistants [REDACTED] and Paul Brokaw. The request is based upon information from the Special Prosecutor and George M. Steinbrenner, III, Chairman of the Board, American Shipbuilding Company, that Steinbrenner made substantial cash contributions to Mosher and Minshall during 1970 and 1972 election campaigns. Reports filed by these candidates and their committees failed to report any contributions from Steinbrenner.

In the matter entitled "American Shipbuilding Company; George M. Steinbrenner, Election Laws (Accounting and Fraud Section - Watergate Unit)" (Bufile 56-4737) investigation was conducted of Steinbrenner and company resulting in their being convicted on 8/30/74 for violating Election Laws statutes prohibiting use of corporate funds as a contribution and for conspiracy. Steinbrenner's conviction was a result of a 15-count indictment returned 4/5/74. Among the overt acts in the indictment, several pertain to contributions to the Mosher for Congress Committee in 1970.

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Enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt

RE: ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970, 1972, TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL;

The Criminal Division seeks to determine complete circumstances of the solicitation and receipt of contributions by Mosher and Minshall in 1970 and 1972 as possible violations of Title 2, Section 434(b), which requires detailed reporting of receipts and expenditures by political committees and candidates; Section 440, which prohibits giving or receiving of campaign contributions in the name of another person; and Title 18, Section 603, which prohibits solicitation or receipt of any contribution by a Congressional candidate in any room or building occupied in discharge of official duties. Steinbrenner has alleged cash was delivered on several occasions in 1970 and 1972 to the Ohio offices of each of these two candidates.

On 5/8/75 it was brought to the attention of Departmental Attorney [redacted] that Title 2 violations have a 3-year Statute of Limitations, and that some of the alleged offenses are no longer prosecutable; whereas the Title 18 violations have a 5-year limitation. [redacted] stated the Department would take cognizance the statute has run on some of the possible violations and stated that a conspiracy might be developed which would extend the running of the statute. He also concurred that Mosher, Minshall and their administrative assistants should be advised of their rights prior to interview as they are all potential defendants.

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Bufile 67-627808 reflects that Paul E. Brokaw, administrative assistant to former Congressman Minshall, is the father of clerical employee [redacted] clerical employee of our Cleveland Office.

* SENT 5/9/75 REB/ML

ACTION: 1. Attached is an airtel ordering the requested investigation. The airtel directs attention to the prior investigation mentioned in this memorandum. Cleveland Office is being directed to note the reference to Minshall's administrative assistant in their clerical employee's personnel file.

2. The Legislative Matters Section, Legal Counsel Division, is requested to notify Congressman Mosher's Office this investigation being conducted. If the Congressman's Office has any questions concerning the matter, they may get in touch with the Chief of the Fraud Section, Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (56-498) (P)

ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
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IN 1970, 1972, TO CONGRESSMAN
CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER
CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL;
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2, UNITED
STATES CODE, SECTION 434(b), 440 AND
TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 603
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Re Bureau airtel dated 5/9/75.

On 5/15/75, [redacted]
Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER's Office, United States House
of Representatives, Rayburn Building, Washington, D. C. (WDC),
advised that [redacted] is currently acting as District
Representative for Congressman MOSHER in 13th District of Ohio.
[redacted] stated that [redacted] can be contacted at the following
office at 517 East 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio 44055 (telephone
number AC 216-244-1572). [redacted] advised that Congressman MOSHER
will be available for interview at 3:30 p.m., EDT on 5/20/75.

LEADSCLEVELAND DIVISION

AT LORAIN, OHIO. Will contact [redacted] at
517 East 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio, and interview in accordance
with referenced communication.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, in 1970 AND 1972 to CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL

Character:

POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 434(b), 440 AND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 603 - EL

Synopsis:

U.S. Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER advised that with regard to the 1970 election campaign, he had no information or knowledge of the check or monies received by his committee that they were anything else but personal funds. MOSHER stated that he had no information prior to the election in 1970 as to who the contributors were. He states that he later learned that several checks which constituted a large sum or total of his campaign contributions in 1970 had come from corporate funds. MOSHER states that BAUMHART gave [REDACTED] a total of \$4,000 in cash to his campaign of 1972. MOSHER could not furnish any details referring the questions to be directed to [REDACTED] but did state that \$500 of this amount was a personal contribution from Mr. and Mrs. BAUMHART to his campaign in 1972. MOSHER states that the money was in cash and was kept on the side and not mingled with any of the other campaign contributions. MOSHER stated that at no time did he believe that this money was corporate funds, but stated that the implication from [REDACTED] was that the money was not to be reported as a contribution. MOSHER was concerned about the criticisms from the press and his opponents as to his 1970 campaign, and on 9/15/73, MOSHER stated that [REDACTED] had returned the \$3,500 in cash, "precisely as it was received" to STEINBRENNER at STEINBRENNER's office. MOSHER stated that he was not present at this time and stated that a more serious effort should have been made to make arrangements to return this money sooner to STEINBRENNER. MOSHER stated that most of the information should come from [REDACTED] as he did not

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personally receive the check or have knowledge of their receipt at the time.

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This is a limited investigation.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Investigation in this matter was instituted upon receipt of a letter from the Department of Justice dated May 5, 1975, regarding possible violations of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 434(b), 440 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 603 involving substantial cash contributions from GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, Chairman of the Board of American Shipbuilding Company, to Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER and former Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL during the 1970 and 1972 election campaigns.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 5/27/75

CHARLES A. MOSHER, Congressman, House of Representatives, United States Congress, Washington, D. C. (WDC), was contacted at his office at Room 2368, Rayburn Building, WDC. Congressman MOSHER was apprised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry regarding possible violations of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 343(b), 440, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 603 involving Election Law Violations.

MOSHER was advised of his constitutional rights as set forth on a prepared form, to which he expressed his complete understanding thereof by executing a waiver of the rights.

MOSHER stated that he was very much concerned about this matter and had already been in contact with a representative at the Department of Justice at WDC. Congressman MOSHER stated that he would cooperate in every way and understood the seriousness of this matter.

Congressman MOSHER stated that he would prefer that his present Administrative Assistant, [REDACTED] who has been his assistant since January, 1961, be present during the course of the interview in order to provide specifics and details. Congressman MOSHER stated that [REDACTED] would be most helpful to him in furnishing specific, detailed information. Congressman MOSHER stated that he wanted to be completely honest, truthful and forthright in answering all questions put to him regarding this matter. Congressman MOSHER stated that [REDACTED] would be in a better position to provide him with the detailed information.

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Congressman MOSHER voluntarily furnished the following information:

Congressman MOSHER stated that he is an acquaintance of GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, and he has known STEINBRENNER since 1966. Congressman MOSHER stated that STEINBRENNER was Chairman of the Board of the American Shipbuilding Company which is located in MOSHER's District at Lorain, Ohio

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REFERENCE

Bureau airtel, 5/9/75, and accompanying Departmental letter, 5/5/75.

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former United States Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL (R-O)
as requested in Departmental letter of May 5, 1975.

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All persons interviewed in this matter were advised this investigation is being conducted at the request of the United States Department of Justice.

Cleveland conducting no further investigation at this time pending completion of investigation at Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Title: ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970, 1972,
TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND
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AND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE,
SECTION 603

~~SYNOPSIS~~

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: PAUL BROKAW, Cleveland, Ohio, on 5/20/75 advised he had no dealings during 1970 through 1972 with A. DAVID BAUMHART wherein BROKAW received any campaign contributions for then U. S. Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL on behalf of GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, or any other executive of American Shipbuilding Co. (Amship). BROKAW stated that during the 1970 Congressional campaign for the re-election of MINSHALL, he solicited \$5,000 loans, respectively, from [REDACTED] then [REDACTED] of (Amship), and [REDACTED] then an executive of the George S. Rider Co., Cleveland, Ohio, engineering firm. BROKAW stated that these loans were repaid to [REDACTED] and that in 1971 during a benefit to raise funds to pay a \$16,000 deficit from the 1970 campaign, he, BROKAW, solicited GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER for a contribution for that purpose and at that time STEINBRENNER personally gave BROKAW \$1,000 or \$1,500 in cash. [REDACTED] Lorain, Ohio, on 5/27/75 advised that during the 1972 Congressional campaign for the re-election of U. S. Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER, MOSHER told [REDACTED] that he had received word from BAUMHART that GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER of Amship would be making some contributions to MOSHER's campaign. [REDACTED] advised

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Synopsis: (Cont'd)

that BAUMHART gave him a total of \$3,500 in cash on three or four separate occasions, which money [redacted] presumed to be from STEINBRENNER. [redacted] advised that the money was held by him in escrow in a safe inasmuch as he and MOSHER would not accept the money as contributions since BAUMHART and apparently STEINBRENNER refused to accept a receipt for the money. [redacted] stated he and MOSHER since March or April of 1973 attempted to return the money to BAUMHART and STEINBRENNER but were unable to do so until mid-September 1973. Upon returning the money, MOSHER advised STEINBRENNER that the money could not be accepted unless properly recorded.

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Details:

Set forth are the results of a limited investigation.

Investigation in this matter is predicated upon receipt of a letter of May 5, 1975, from the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice to the Federal Bureau of Investigation requesting that investigation be conducted relative to possible violations of Title 2, United States Code, Sections 434(b), 440, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 603. This request concerns 1970 and 1972 campaign contributions allegedly made to the campaigns at that time of United States Congressmen WILLIAM E. MINSHALL and CHARLES A. MOSHER of the state of Ohio.

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Date of transcription May 22, 1975

PAUL BROKAW, Staff Member, Cleveland, Ohio, office of United States Congressman RONALD M. MOTT (Democrat, 23rd District-Ohio), was contacted at his office, Room 2951 Federal Office Building, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. BROKAW was advised of the identities of HERBERT L. MONAHAN, Jr., and [] as Assistant Special Agent in Charge and Special Agent, respectively, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio. BROKAW was advised by SA [] that the matter under investigation concerned allegations to the effect that he, BROKAW, while then employed by former United States Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL during the years 1970 and 1972 may have accepted campaign contributions from GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, A. DAVID BAUMHART, acting in the employ of STEINBRENNER, or any other executive or representative of the American Shipbuilding Company (Amship), of Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio, in possible violation of Federal Election Law Statutes.

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Prior to any questioning, Mr. BROKAW was advised by SA [] that any information he offered should be completely voluntary and was orally advised by SA [] of his Constitutional rights as set forth on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. BROKAW was furnished a form entitled in part "Your Rights" and instructed to read the form. Thereafter Mr. BROKAW stated he understood his rights, was completely willing to discuss the matter with the interviewing Agents, and executed the waiver form.

Mr. BROKAW advised as follows:

He knows A. DAVID BAUMHART as a former United States Congressman from the state of Ohio from the Norwalk or Sandusky, Ohio, area. During the years of 1969, 1970 and 1971, BAUMHART was employed by GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, of Amship, in the Cleveland, Ohio, area in a public

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relations capacity and also was a contact man or lobbyist for STEINBRENNER in the Washington, D. C., area. During those years or subsequent, he had no dealings with BAUMHART wherein he, BROKAW, ever received any campaign contributions for then United States Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL or any other candidate on behalf of GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER or any other executive or official of Amship. He recalls sometime during the years 1969 through 1971 he, BROKAW, attempted to assist BAUMHART in getting a public relations account for BAUMHART, possibly with the George S. Rider Company, a Cleveland, Ohio, engineering firm. He also recalls and referred in part to his, BROKAW's, records and stated that he believes during 1973 BAUMHART came to BROKAW's office on behalf of STEINBRENNER and Amship and expressed interest and support for legislation then pending before Congress concerning Great Lakes shipping. He noted, however, that he is certain other Great Lakes area Congressmen were also interested in securing the passage of any legislation which would benefit shipping on the Great Lakes. However, that visit by BAUMHART did not involve the solicitation or receiving of any campaign contributions.

In August or September 1970, during the Congressional campaign for the re-election of WILLIAM E. MINSHALL, then Republican, 23rd District-Ohio, he, BROKAW, telephonically contacted [redacted] who was then [redacted] of Amship, and requested of [redacted] a \$5,000 loan to be used for the MINSHALL campaign, specifically for the purchase of television time. He also telephonically solicited an identical amount from [redacted] then either [redacted] of the Board of the George S. Rider Company, an engineering firm with offices in the Terminal Tower Building, Cleveland, Ohio. BROKAW emphasized that the \$5,000 requested from [redacted] and [redacted] were loans and not mere contributions and he made it clear to both [redacted] at the time that the creditors would be repaid in full and that he, BROKAW, would guarantee the repayment. Both [redacted] furnished the \$5,000 each in the form of personal checks drawn on their respective personal checking accounts and believes the individual checks would have been made payable to the Minshall for Congress Committee, or a similar name. The \$5,000 obtained from [redacted] respectively, wholly represented personal loans and in no way were corporate or company funds or monies and BROKAW noted that he was and is well aware of the pertinent

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state and federal statutes which clearly prohibit the offering and receiving of corporate funds for political campaigns.

As a result of the successful 1970 Congressional campaign, the Minshall for Congress Committee had accrued an approximate \$16,000 deficit. Various means were utilized to pay off and erase the deficit. He recalls one such affair or benefit which was held at the Hermit Club in Cleveland, Ohio, for the express purpose of raising funds to pay off the campaign deficit. Around the time of the Hermit Club benefit he, BROKAW, while at Stouffer's Restaurant located in the CEI (Cleveland Electric Illuminating) Building, Cleveland, Ohio, at an informal "kaffee klatch", solicited GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER for a contribution for the Hermit Club affair, and at that time STEINBRENNER stated he would not be able to attend the dinner but that STEINBRENNER personally gave to BROKAW \$1,000 or \$1,500 in cash with the understanding BROKAW would use the money to purchase an appropriate number of tickets on STEINBRENNER's behalf for the Hermit Club benefit. BROKAW noted he recalled a conversation with STEINBRENNER at that time wherein when it was mentioned that the Minshall Committee was currently in the process of repaying an amount outstanding and owed to [redacted] in connection with the 1970 loan, STEINBRENNER jokingly said something to the effect that he, STEINBRENNER, could just as easily have given the money directly to [redacted] inasmuch as the funds were being raised to offset the deficit and that the deficit in part represented any money still owed to [redacted].

Each of the \$5,000 loans from [redacted] were repaid in full and BROKAW noted that he has a letter of November 1971 wherein it is noted that the remaining \$500 paid to [redacted] represents full repayment to [redacted] of the \$5,000 amount. Concerning the \$5,000 [redacted] loan, BROKAW noted that [redacted] check was either sent to him, BROKAW, or directly to the secretary, treasurer or assistant treasurer of the Minshall for Congress Committee.

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BROKAW noted that the above-mentioned loans and repayments of same would have been included in the pertinent 1970 and 1972 reports which the Minshall for Congress Committee by state statute was required to file with the Secretary of State for the State of Ohio. At this time BROKAW telephonically contacted Ohio Secretary of State TED BROWN and ascertained

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the 1970 report and other subsequent reports are maintained by the Secretary of State's Office on microfilm.

BROKAW stated with regard to any contributions from [redacted] for the 1972 Congressional campaign that there was no similar loan or contribution anywhere near \$5,000 and he believes that [redacted] contribution was either a nominal amount or nothing at all. BROKAW is certain that the loan and repayment of same occurred in late 1970 through 1971 and did not occur in 1972. He also stated the solicitation and acceptance of the loans and repayments of same did not involve or imply in any way to [redacted] any considerations or any promises of any kind which would be of any benefit to them personally or to their respective companies or any executives of those companies.

BROKAW also advised he did not get directly involved with the 1972 national campaign, The Committee to Re Elect the President (CREEP), but noted that he had a disagreement with the local organization of CREEP having an office in Parma, Ohio, involving a dispute over a previous agreement concerning the payment of rent and expenses. He stated he had to contact a state representative from that organization in Dayton, Ohio, to have the matter clarified. He also advised that he did not get involved with the Senate/House dinner in 1973 or 1974.

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BROKAW advised his solicitation and repayment of the [redacted] loans, in addition to being recorded in the pertinent reports filed with the State of Ohio, were also well known to former Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL.

BROKAW furnished a business card for WILLIAM E. MINSHALL, "Congressional Associates, Suite 905, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036, telephone (202) 452-0888".

Concerning MINSHALL [redacted] BROKAW noted that [redacted] did not get involved in any of the loans or repayment of same as mentioned above, but noted that [redacted] did take part in [redacted] re-election campaign.

BROKAW advised that he can categorically refute any allegations to the effect that he was involved in the accepting

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or transferring of any money from A. DAVID BAUMHART on behalf of GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER or any other executives from Amship, including ROBERT E. BARTLOME or [REDACTED].

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PAUL BROKAW is a white male, 71 years of age, and advised he resides at 328 Bonniewood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44110, telephone 531-5426.

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Date of transcription 5-28-75

Mr. [] was interviewed at his office, 517 East 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio. It is to be noted that this address houses the insurance company of Mr. [] as well as the offices of Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER on the second floor of this location.

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At the beginning of this interview, Mr. [] was advised of the nature of the interview and that it pertained to contributions to the 1970 and 1972 campaign of Congressman CHARLES MOSHER. Mr. [] stated that he had previously been in contact with Mr. MOSHER, but was not aware of the details of the entire interview, but had no objection to being interviewed.

At this time an Interrogation-Advice of Rights Form was furnished to Mr. [] by SA [] which form Mr. [] read and executed the waiver portion of this form. The form was thereafter witnessed by both interviewing Agents.

Mr. [] stated that he has been associated with Congressman MOSHER since 1960. He stated that he has been his [] in all eight campaigns that Mr. MOSHER has been involved in. In operating these campaigns, he stated that they have a MOSHER for Congress Campaign Committee on which various individuals work, but stated there is no personal solicitation for donations to the campaign by any of the members of the Committee. He stated that the Committee does have a mail drive; however, this does not happen every year but a mail drive solicitation is usually based on those that have given in previous campaigns.

He stated that the total solicitations for their campaigns during the years 1970, 1972 and 1974 would have averaged somewhere between \$12,000 and \$17,000 a year. He stated that in 1972 and 1970 between \$4,000 and \$5,000 may possibly have come from the National Committee and maybe \$500 from the State Committee. However, he stated that in 1972 he has no definite recollection whether they actually received any contribution from this Committee.

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Mr. [] made available the 1970 list of individuals who contributed to Congressman MOSHER's campaign which list was a copy that was submitted at the close of the campaign as requested of all political candidates.

Again, Mr. [] stated that most of the contributors were probably individuals who had been solicited in previous campaigns.

Mr. [] was asked if he was acquainted with any of the employees at American Shipbuilding Company and he stated that the only personal friend he had at the American Shipbuilding Company was [] who is the [] of the American Shipbuilding Company. He stated he did know a Mr. [] but only because he was the [] of the American Shipbuilding Company, but had no personal association with him. He also stated that he had met a Mr. GORDON STAFFORD of American Shipbuilding Company at some function but is not an associate of his.

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He was then asked if he was acquainted with [] ROBERT DIBBLE or ROBERT BARTLOME. He stated that he was not recently associated with any of these individuals nor was he aware until some time after the 1970 campaign that these individuals were even connected with American Shipbuilding Company.

He stated that he actually became aware of the contributions of American Shipbuilding Company employees about two years after the contributions were made when the Nader report became public.

Mr. [] was then asked if the same individuals mentioned above would have previously contributed to campaigns of Congressman MOSHER due to the fact that he had stated that the mail solicitations were based on previous donors.

Mr. [] then made available the list of 1968 donors to Congressman MOSHER's campaign and it was noted that the only individual mentioned above who was listed on the 1968 record was [] who had contributed \$1,000 in 1968. It was further mentioned to Mr. [] that [] was not listed among the donors in 1970 and Mr. [] stated that [] became disenchanted with the Republicans in general as the Governor was to make a recommendation to have him placed on the Board of Regents but evidently had not done so. It was then asked of Mr. [] if it did not appear strange to him that from the total of the 1970 contributions which amounted to \$17,374.73 that approximately \$5,000 of this money would have been solicited from individuals who had not previously donated. It was also pointed

out that two of the individuals, namely, Mr. ROBERT BARTLOME and [] had actually made two contributions. Each made a contribution on October 1, 1970 in the amount of \$750 and then on October 9, 1970 each made an additional contribution of \$500. It was asked if this was unusual in campaign contributions and whether or not he had any suspicion as to why their contributions were not made in one lump sum, and he stated he had no suspicions or curiosity about the contributions, but was merely thankful to receive them.

Mr. [] stated that it was possible the employees of the American Shipbuilding Company had contributed to the campaign because of the passage of the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 which was publicly applauded by Mr. GEORGE STEINBRENNER regarding the potential this brought to the shipbuilding industry in the Great Lakes.

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Mr. [] stated that he had no direct contact with the American Shipbuilding employees during the campaign nor did any member of his campaign committee.

He stated that subsequent to the publication of the Nader report that Mr. MOSHER was surprised when he learned of these contributions and one reporter asked if the money should be returned and Mr. MOSHER replied that this committee had received the contributions in proper form; that they were unsolicited; that they were accepted and recorded as directed by law.

Mr. [] was then asked if he was acquainted with a Mr. A. DAVID BAUMHART and he replied that he has known Mr. BAUMHART since approximately 1952 and that Mr. BAUMHART was in Congress for three terms immediately preceding Mr. MOSHER from the 13th District. He stated that when BAUMHART made it known that he was stepping down, Mr. MOSHER was drafted to run from the 13th District and at that time was completing his fifth term as a State Representative from the State Senatorial District.

Mr. [] stated that BAUMHART returned to Libby Owens Ford Glass in Toledo where he had previously worked and subsequent to that established a public relations consulting firm in Lorain, Ohio and in this public relations work became associated with American Shipbuilding Company. [] stated that he had somewhat of a falling out with BAUMHART during his last term in Congress as BAUMHART was going through a divorce and had other problems and felt that his friends had turned against him. He stated that BAUMHART after leaving Libby Owens Ford Glass also was City Service Director for Lorain, Ohio, possibly during 1968 and 1969 just prior to his public relations firm operation.

In regard to the 1972 Congressional campaign, Mr. [] stated that somewhere early in the campaign, Congressman MOSHER told him that he had received word from Mr. A. DAVID BAUMHART that Mr. GEORGE STEINBRENNER of American Shipbuilding Company would be making some contribution to the MOSHER for Congress Committee and that we should be very alert as to how this would take place. Mr. [] stated that he was further advised that BAUMHART had indicated the contribution might be in the neighborhood of \$4,000 to \$5,000. [] stated that Mr. MOSHER and he were suspicious because by this time the talk about Mr. STEINBRENNER and his political contribution and the re-election of Mr. NIXON were pretty widescale.

Mr. [] then stated that he actually became alerted to the possible contribution of Mr. STEINBRENNER because he could not quite understand with all of the so-called ramifications received from the contributions to the NIXON for President Campaign why STEINBRENNER would make a contribution to the MOSHER for Congress Committee and that this feeling was pretty much shared by Mr. MOSHER.

Mr. [] stated that these contributions came directly from A. DAVID BAUMHART to him, [] in the form of cash on three or four separate occasions and because there were no instructions connected to these funds, he, [] did not accept them but would hold them in escrow in his safe until a clarification in regards to these funds was received.

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The total amount of these contributions came to \$3,500 which was presumed to be from GEORGE STEINBRENNER. He stated that \$500 was from the A. DAVID BAUMHART family and that a receipt for the \$500 was given to Mr. BAUMHART, but Mr. BAUMHART refused to accept a receipt for the additional \$3,500 that Mr. [] held in escrow.

In connection with the \$3,500 mentioned above, Mr. BAUMHART disagreed with Mr. [] and said he could not take a receipt in the name of Mr. STEINBRENNER as evidently Mr. STEINBRENNER did not wish to be identified as a donor.

[] stated that when he received this money, he immediately made contact with Congressman MOSHER and made him aware of the contribution. He stated that the Congressman agreed with him that he could not accept it, but did agree it was all right to hold in escrow until they had a clarification. He stated that the Congressman indicated that if he could not get a clarification concerning these funds that he personally wanted to return the money to STEINBRENNER himself in the presence of both [] and BAUMHART. Mr. [] stated that it seemed

important to Mr. MOSHER to personally see this money was returned to STEINBRENNER.

Mr. [] then stated that the above-mentioned \$3,500 contribution from Mr. STEINBRENNER through BAUMHART was received over a period of time from late summer or early fall of 1972 when the first \$1,000 was given, until March or April of 1973. He stated in the interim he insisted upon instructions from Mr. MOSHER that an appointment be set up so that this money could be returned to Mr. STEINBRENNER. He stated that he was unable through BAUMHART to get this appointment arranged as it appeared that both Mr. STEINBRENNER and Mr. MOSHER were never in town at the same time.

Mr. [] stated that sometime in October 1972, Mr. MOSHER and Mr. [] met with Mr. BAUMHART in Mr. BAUMHART's office and it was then that Mr. MOSHER told BAUMHART definitely that the money was going to be returned to Mr. STEINBRENNER. [] stated that BAUMHART was quite upset and said STEINBRENNER would be extremely aggravated and he recommended that Mr. MOSHER not return the money as Mr. STEINBRENNER would be upset with him, BAUMHART.

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Mr. MOSHER stated that in order to keep the money it had to be properly recorded and a receipt given. [] stated that he had the impression after MOSHER met with BAUMHART that BAUMHART might contact STEINBRENNER and get back to them saying that the money could be appropriately recorded as being received from STEINBRENNER; however, this did not happen.

[] stated that during a delayed Lincoln Day Banquet in March or April, 1973, the final \$1,000 of the above-mentioned \$3,500 was handed to him in an envelope by BAUMHART at this banquet. After looking at the contents of the envelope, [] again advised BAUMHART that this money was being taken in the same category as the other money and it would be held in escrow and BAUMHART replied that we'll talk about it later.

At Mr. MOSHER's direction, [] kept making contact with Mr. STEINBRENNER's secretary in order to set up a meeting for the return of the money. He stated that finally in mid-September 1973, on a Saturday morning, he found out that STEINBRENNER was in his office and spoke to STEINBRENNER and made an appointment for that morning. He stated he then tried to make contact with A. DAVID BAUMHART to meet with him and Congressman

MOSHER at STEINBRENNER's office, but was unsuccessful in reaching him. He stated that he and Mr. MOSHER then met with Mr. STEINBRENNER at Mr. STEINBRENNER's office at the American Shipbuilding Company on Colorado Boulevard in Lorain, Ohio.

During this meeting, Mr. MOSHER advised STEINBRENNER that Mr. [] had something he wanted to give to him. Mr. [] then took the \$3,500 that he had brought from his safe and gave the \$3,500 to Mr. STEINBRENNER explaining that the money could not be accepted for a political campaign unless properly recorded. Mr. [] stated that STEINBRENNER made the comment, "It looks like the same money, rubber bands and all," and then stated something to the effect that it was his money and he would use it and it would come in handy as he was in the process of buying a car.

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Mr. [] was then asked if he makes a report regarding his election campaign contributions within 45 days after the election, if he is obliged in any way to indicate that additional monies which were given which are being held in escrow until clarification of their donors were made, and he stated he was not aware of such regulation. He did state after the money was returned to STEINBRENNER that he, his wife and Mr. MOSHER went to the Lorain Country Club for lunch where they ran into A. DAVID BAUMHART and advised him as to what had taken place that day.

In closing the interview, Mr. [] stated again that no direct solicitation was ever made to his knowledge of any employee of American Shipbuilding Company and that all contributions received were believed to be received from individuals who were conscientiously attempting to assist in the re-election of the Congressman because of their own personal desires.

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ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970, 1972, TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL; POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 434(B), 440, AND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 603. EL.

REBUAIRTEL, MAY 9, 1975.

PAUL BROKAW INTERVIEWED MAY 20, 1975, AT THE CLEVELAND, OHIO, OFFICE OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN RONALD M. MOTT, WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED AS A STAFF MEMBER. BROKAW ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE AT NO TIME, INCLUDING 1970 THROUGH 1972 OR SUBSEQUENT, HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH A. DAVID BAUMHART, WHOM HE KNOWS TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAPACITY FOR THE AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING CO., OR RECEIVED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THEN U.S. CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL OR FOR ANY OTHER CANDIDATE ON BEHALF OF GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER OR ANY OTHER EXECUTIVE OR OFFICIAL OF AMSHIP.

HE DENIES ANY INSTANCE WHEREIN HE SOLICITED OR RECEIVED

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ANY CORPORATE MONIES AS A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FOR ANY ELECTION FROM 1970 TO DATE. IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 1970 DURING THE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF WILLIAM E. MINSHALL, REPUBLICAN, 23RD DISTRICT-OHIO, HE SOLICITED A \$5,000 LOAN FROM THE THEN [REDACTED] OF AMSHIP,

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[REDACTED] AND AN INDENTICAL AMOUNT FROM [REDACTED]

THEN [REDACTED] OF THE GEORGE S.

RIDER CO., A CLEVELAND, OHIO, ENGINEERING FIRM. HE, BROKAW, PERSONALLY SOLICITED THE LOANS BY TELEPHONE FROM EACH OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS AND THEY WERE OBTAINED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THE MONEY WOULD BE REPAID AND THAT SAME WAS NEEDED

FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES, PRIMARILY FOR THE PURCHASE OF TELEVISION TIME. EITHER THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF 1970 OR INTO 1971,

THE MINSHALL FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE REPAID ALL OF THE AMOUNTS OF BOTH LOANS. BROKAW RECALLED ONE BENEFIT TO RAISE FUNDS

TO PAY OFF A \$16,000 DEFICIT FROM THE 1970 CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS HELD AT THE HERMIT CLUB IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, AND THAT AROUND THE TIME OF THE AFFAIR HE SOLICITED GEORGE M.

STEINBRENNER FOR A CONTRIBUTION FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND AT

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THAT TIME STEINBRENNER STATED HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE DINNER, BUT THAT STEINBRENNER PERSONALLY GAVE BROKAW \$1,000 OR \$1,500 IN CASH WITH THE UNDERSTANDING BROKAW WOULD PURCHASE AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF TICKETS IN STEINBRENNER'S BEHALF. BROKAW NOTED HE RECALLS A CONVERSATION WITH STEINBRENNER AT THAT TIME WHEREIN WHEN IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE MINSHALL COMMITTEE WAS REPAYING AN AMOUNT OWED TO [REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1970 LOAN, STEINBRENNER JOKINGLY SAID SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT HE, STEINBRENNER, COULD JUST AS EASILY GIVE THE MONEY DIRECTLY TO [REDACTED] INASMUCH AS THE FUNDS WERE BEING RAISED TO OFFSET THE DEFICIT.

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EACH OF THE \$5,000 LOANS FROM [REDACTED], RESPECTIVELY, WERE IN THE FORM OF PERSONAL CHECKS DRAWN ON THE RESPECTIVE BANK ACCOUNTS AND IN NO WAY REPRESENTED ANY FORM OF COMPANY OR CORPORATE MONIES, AND THAT THE [REDACTED] CHECK WAS MAILED DIRECTLY TO BROKAW AND BROKAW BELIEVES THE NEFF CHECK MAY HAVE BEEN MAILED EITHER TO HIM OR TO THE ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE MINSHALL CAMPAIGN.

BROKAW STATED HE IS WELL AWARE OF THE ILLEGAL NATURE OF ANY CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS, AS WELL AS OTHER FEDERAL CORPORATE STATUTES AND STATE AND FEDERAL REPORTING STATUTES, AND DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH IN DEPARTMENTAL LETTER OF MAY 5, 1975, AND STATED HE WOULD AFFIRM SUCH A DENIAL REGARDLESS OF WHAT STEINBRENNER OR BAUMHART MIGHT SAY.

BROKAW STATED HE IS SURE THAT THE ABOVE CONTRIBUTION FROM STEINBRENNER OCCURRED AROUND MARCH 1971 AND CONCERNED THE REPAYMENT OF THE 1970 DEFICIT AND DID NOT AT ALL OCCUR IN 1972 AND THAT BROKAW HAD NO TRANSACTIONS WITH ANYONE FROM AMSHIP AS ALLEGED IN THE DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION.

BROKAW ADVISED THAT ANY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND LIKE DISBURSEMENTS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO STATE REPORTING REGULATIONS AND HE DETERMINED THE PERTINENT REPORTS WERE ON MICROFILM IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OHIO.

BROKAW FURNISHED A BUSINESS CARD FOR WILLIAM E. MINSHALL, "CONGRESSIONAL ASSOCIATES, SUITE 905, 1730 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE 202/452-0888.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF WASHINGTON FIELD, INQUIRY
AT LORAIN, OHIO, DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] LORAIN,
CURRENTLY OUT OF HIS OFFICE UNTIL LATE THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1975,
AND POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT [REDACTED] IS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WASHINGTON FIELD, AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: (1) LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW WILLIAM E. MINSHALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL
REQUEST.

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(2) THROUGH OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN CHARLES E. MOSHER,
ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED] CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA
AND INTERVIEW.

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From: Director, FBI

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CONGRESSMAN WM. E. MINSHALL
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2,
USC, SECTIONS 434 (B), 440 AND
T18, USC, SECTION 603 - EL

ReCVrep dated 5/27/75.

WFO promptly complete investigation requested
in rerep.

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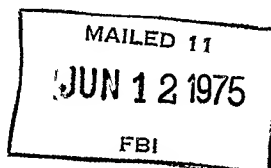
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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ReCVrep dated 5/27/75, and Bureau airtel dated
 6/12/75.

For the information of the Bureau and Cleveland
 Division, [redacted] Congressional Associates, 1730
 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised on 6/6/75
 that WILLIAM E. MINSHALL was in Cleveland, Ohio and was
 expected to return shortly.

On 6/12/75 WILLIAM E. MINSHALL, Congressional
 Associates, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephonically
 advised that he was departing for Cleveland, Ohio today,
 6/12/75 and would prefer interview be scheduled at 8:30 a.m.
 6/18/75 at his office, 1730 M Street, Washington, D.C.

WFO will immediately report results of interview
 upon completion.

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TITLE OF CASE ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRI- BUTION BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970 AND 1972 TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER CON- GRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 434 (b) 440 AND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 603		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mpc
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REFERENCE: WFO airtel to the Bureau dated 6/16/75.
Cleveland report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/27/75.

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All persons interviewed in this matter were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the request of the United States Department of Justice.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (telephone number [REDACTED]) to finalize and schedule
interview with WILLIAM E. MINSHALL regarding this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CLEVELAND	DATE 7/21/75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/2/75 - 7/ /75
TITLE OF CASE ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNEN, III, IN 1970 1972 TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL; POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2, USC, SECTIONS 434 (b), 440, AND TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 603.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY dml
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAW	

REFERENCE: WFO report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/7/75.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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7/21/75

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STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970, AND 1972 TO CONGRESSMAN
CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM
E. MINSHALL; POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 18 USC,
SECTIONS 434 (b), 440 AND TITLE 18 USC SECTION 630.

Character:

ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

Attorney representing MINSHALL advised he will advise his
client to refuse to be interviewed by the Federal Bureau of
Investigation.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON D.C.

Set forth are the results of a limited investigation.

On July 17, 1975, SA [REDACTED] telephoni-
cally contacted [REDACTED]
Washington D.C., telephone number [REDACTED] and requested an
appointment to interview his client WILLIAM E. MINSHALL.
[REDACTED] stated that he advised MINSHALL not to comply with
the request for interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/28/75

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (56-106) (C)

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION BY
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1972 TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER
AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E.
MINSHALL; POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE
2, USC, SECTIONS 434 (b), 440, AND
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 603.
ELECTION LAWS
(OO: CLEVELAND)

Re WFO report of SA [REDACTED] 7/21/75.

A review of this matter indicates that all appropriate investigation has been conducted and reported.

Accordingly, in the absence of any specific request for additional investigation by the Bureau and/or the Department of Justice, this matter is being considered closed.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 28 1975

FROM : *RLT* Richard L. Thornburgh
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

RLT:WTB:RBM
72-017-57

SUBJECT: Reinterview of [redacted] Administrative Assistant to Congressman
Re: Political Contributions by George Steinbrenner.

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 13, 1975, containing on pages 8-13, the results of an interview of [redacted] Administrative Assistant to Congressman Charles Mosher.

In view of the important inconsistencies in the accounting of the events involved in this matter by [redacted] on the one hand, and former Congressman Baumhardt on the other, it is requested that [redacted] be reinterviewed regarding the following matters:

1) Why \$500 of the total \$4,000 Steinbrenner contribution delivered by Baumhardt was not returned to Steinbrenner, but was accepted and reported as having been from Baumhardt.

2) Why the second, third or fourth Steinbrenner contributions (which were delivered in four installments) were ever accepted by [redacted] if there was any question in his mind or the mind of Congressman Mosher that corporate funds were involved in the preceding contribution.

3) Why [redacted] never questioned former Congressman Baumhardt regarding the source of these contributions if he, or the Congressman had some doubts as to the source of the funds.

4) Why he and the Congressman waited over one year to return these contributions which they claim were never "accepted."



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From: Director, FBI **REG-41**
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**ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION BY
 GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970,
 1972 TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER
 AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL;
 POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF T2, USC, §434 (B),
 440 AND T18, USC §603
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ReCVrep 5/27/75.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated

8/28/75.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of
 Section 35, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within **10**
 days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results
 of a ☐ limited investigation and underscore the word ☐ limited
☒ preliminary ☒ preliminary

Advise ☐ all persons interviewed
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being
 conducted at the ~~s~~pecific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

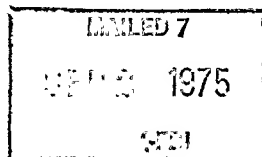
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7/7/75

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STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970 AND 1972 TO CONGRESSMAN
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WILLIAM E. MINSHALL POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2,
UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 434 (b) 440 AND
TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 603

Character:

ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

U.S. Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER furnished information to
supplement previous interview, in that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] probably had mentioned a personal contribu-
tion received, but at time of receipt MOSHER attached no parti-
cular significance to it nor did he give the matter any special
consideration. Attempts to interview former Congressman WILLIAM E.
MINSHALL set forth and continuing.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.This is a limited investigation.

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On June 25, 1975, [] Administrative Assistant, United States Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER, Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C., advised telephonically that Congressman MOSHER desired to furnish information clarifying a point previously furnished in an interview with Congressman MOSHER on May 20, 1975. [] stated that Congressman MOSHER would be available on July 1, 1975 to furnish this supplemental point.

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On June 25, 1975, [] telephonically advised that he had just returned from out of town and needed to get in touch with WILLIAM E. MINSHALL regarding the scheduling of the interview. On July 2, 1975, [] telephonically advised that he had not been in contact with MINSHALL and believed that MINSHALL was unavailable this week, July 2, 1975, through July 3, 1975. [] stated that he would contact MINSHALL July 7, 1975, and finalize a date for the interview.

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On June 12, 1975, WILLIAM E. MINSHALL, Congressional Associates, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephonically advised that he was departing for Cleveland, Ohio that date, June 12, 1975, and would prefer interview with him be scheduled at 8:30 a.m., June 18, 1975, at his office, 1730 M Street, Washington, D.C.(WDC).

On June 17, 1975, [redacted], Attorney, Welch and Morgan, 900 17 Street, N.W., WDC, telephonically advised that former United States Congressman WILLIAM E. MINSHALL had visited his office this date June 17, 1975, and has retained him as counsel. [redacted] advised that he desired to be present during interview scheduled for June 18, 1975; however, he had a committment to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for one week. [redacted] stated that upon his return to WDC on or about June 25 or 26, 1975, he would set up an interview as soon as possible.

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CHARLES A. MOSHER, Congressman, House of Representatives, United States Congress, Washington, D.C. (WDC), was contacted at his office at Room 2368, Rayburn Building, WDC. Congressman MOSHER was apprised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry regarding possible violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 434 (b), 440 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 603 involving Election Law Violations.

MOSHER was advised of his constitutional rights as set forth on a prepared form to which he expressed his complete understanding thereof by executing a waiver of rights. Present during the interview was MOSHER's Administrative Assistant, [REDACTED]

MOSHER advised that he wanted to furnish information regarding a supplemental point to his previous interview dated May 20, 1975. MOSHER had prepared the following information regarding the supplemental point that he wanted to make. MOSHER stated that the previous questioning on May 20, 1975, seemed to place a great deal of emphasis on the timing of any first awareness that he had that employees of the American Ship Building were making substantial contributions to the MOSHER For Congress Committee in 1970. MOSHER believed that he had indicated that he was not really aware of the extent and source of these contributions to his committee until he received a copy of Mr. [REDACTED] final campaign report to the Ohio Secretary of State.

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MOSHER stated that it was this point which he wanted to supplement and modify. MOSHER stated that as he thought back now to the situation as it then existed, it seems obvious to him that certainly Mr. [REDACTED] would never have received a personal contribution as large as \$1,000 from GORDON STAFFORD without mentioning it to him. MOSHER had absolutely no memory as to the time or place or means, but he is sure that when Mr. [REDACTED] received that STAFFORD contribution, and perhaps some of the others, [REDACTED] probably mentioned the matter to him. However, the essential fact remains that at that time

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by SA [REDACTED] JEK:mpe Date dictated 7/2/75

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MOSHER did not attach any particular significance nor did he give the matter any special consideration. The fact is, MOSHER stated that he was extremely busy with the innumerable other matters on his mind, those checks made no great impression on him and it was not until long afterward when the questions began to be raised that those contributions achieved in his mind and MOSHER is sure that Mr. [redacted] mind, the importance and significance that they certainly now have. MOSHER repeated that it always has been his general policy during a campaign year, that he personally paid little or no attention to the individual contributions that were coming into his committee.

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MOSHER stated that he wanted to furnish this information to clarify this point. MOSHER stated that, in looking back, he did not attach the particular significance to this matter at that time that he probably should have. MOSHER stated that he did not know nor could he state when, where, or how the money was received as that would have to come from [redacted]

MOSHER advised that this was the extent of the clarification that he wished to make.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Assistant Attorney General
CRIMINAL DIVISION

DATE: 6/13/75

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970, 1972, TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM F. MINSHALL; POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2, UNITED STATE CODE, SECTIONS 434(b), 440, AND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 603
ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to my ~~memorandum~~ ^{memoranda} dated 6/5/75 and 6/3/75
(your file DJ 72-017-57 ~~RAH~~).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent
dated 5/27/75 at CLEVELAND.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Enclosed herewith is one copy of the report of Special Agent dated 5/27/75 at Cleveland. A copy of this report was previously furnished to you by my memorandum 6/3/75.

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All persons interviewed in this matter were advised the investigation is being conducted at the request of the United States Department of Justice.

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Title:

ALLEGED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY
GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, III, IN 1970, 1972,
TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. MOSHER AND
FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM E. MINSHALL;
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 2,
UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 434(b), 440,
AND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE
SECTION 603

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Character:

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] reinterviewed Lorain, Ohio, 9/12/75,
regarding the specific handling of 1972 campaign
contributions of A. DAVID BAUMHART and GEORGE
STEINBRENNER to the Mosher for Congress Committee.

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Details:

Set forth are the results of a limited investigation.

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Mr. [] was interviewed at his office, 517 East 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio. It is to be noted that this address houses the insurance company of Mr. [] as well as the offices of Congressman CHARLES A. MOSHER on the second floor of this location.

At the beginning of this interview, Mr. [] was advised by Special Agent [] of the nature of the interview and that it pertained to specific questions concerning 1972 campaign contributions of A. DAVID BAUMHART and GEORGE STEINBRENNER to the Mosher for Congress Committee.

At this time an Interrogation: Advice of Rights form was furnished to Mr. [] by SA [] which form Mr. [] read and executed the waiver portion of this form.

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In regard to the total \$4,000 contribution from GEORGE STEINBRENNER to the Mosher for Congress Committee, which was delivered to [] by A. DAVID BAUMHART, and why \$500 of this total was accepted as having been received from BAUMHART while the rest of this money was subsequently returned, Mr. [] stated that the \$500 that was not returned was specifically designated by Mr. BAUMHART as having been a contribution to the Committee from himself and his wife and that a receipt for this \$500 was prepared and given to Mr. BAUMHART and the contribution was logged as having been received from Mr. BAUMHART.

Mr. [] further recalled that sometime in the past when Mr. BAUMHART was called, either to some hearing or for some hearing concerning this contribution, he had either lost or misplaced the receipt that was originally given to him for the \$500 contribution and he requested a copy of this receipt for his personal use and Mr. [] said that a xerox copy of the receipt was furnished to him.

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by SAs and [] APB/hs Date dictated 9/12/75

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In regard to why the second, third or fourth contributions were accepted by [] if there was any question in his mind or in the mind of Congressman MOSHER whether or not there were corporate funds involved, Mr. [] stated he does not believe that there was ever any thought there were corporate funds in the STEINBRENNER contributions but rather felt the contributions were of a personal nature, but had the definite impression that due to the trouble STEINBRENNER had been in regarding previous political contributions he did not want to be identified in any further political contributions and therefore did not want these contributions to be attributed to him personally.

Mr. [] was asked if he had any doubt as to the source of the contributions Mr. BAUMHART had furnished the Committee, why he never questioned Mr. BAUMHART concerning the source of these contributions. Mr. [] stated that he does not ever recall specifically questioning BAUMHART as to the source of the funds of the \$4,000 contributions as he had never had any doubt that the money was STEINBRENNER's personal money; however, he was puzzled in some regard why the money could not be logged as having been received from STEINBRENNER and a proper receipt given for this money.

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In regard to the period of time that [] held on to the contributions of STEINBRENNER before they were subsequently returned to STEINBRENNER, Mr. [] related as follows:

He stated that the period of time over which these contributions were received amounted to several months and Mr. MOSHER, when he decided that this money should go back to STEINBRENNER if it could not properly be attributed to him, decided that he wanted to personally return the money to STEINBRENNER. He stated that due to the fact that Mr. MOSHER and Mr. STEINBRENNER are frequently in travel status due to their occupations, it was difficult to get both of these individuals together. Mr. [] stated that when MOSHER first told BAUMHART he wanted to return the money to STEINBRENNER, BAUMHART was very strongly opposed to them returning the money. [] stated that MOSHER

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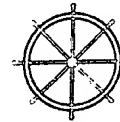
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spoke to BAUMHART at least on two occasions about returning the money and on one of these occasions he, [] was present. He stated he felt that BAUMHART felt strongly against the return of the money because it was [] feeling that BAUMHART thought STEINBRENNER might consider him to be somewhat of a failure in not being able to have this money be accepted by the Mosher Committee.

Mr. [] stated that even though at no time did Mr. MOSHER ever personally handle the money received by the Committee from STEINBRENNER, Mr. MOSHER wanted to be present personally when the money was handed back to STEINBRENNER. Mr. [] stated that probably the main reason the money did not go back to STEINBRENNER immediately was that both he and Mr. MOSHER were hoping that the okay would be received from STEINBRENNER through BAUMHART to log the contribution as having been received from STEINBRENNER and a proper receipt for the contribution made out to STEINBRENNER.

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Mr. [] could furnish no further explanation as to the manner in which the above contributions were handled.



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Under provisions of the captioned acts I respectfully request that you furnish me with all information including files, records, reports, exhibits and other materials you possess concerning me.

I was born July 4, 1930, Rocky River, Ohio and possess social security # 285-28-5751. I formerly resided in Bay Village, Ohio and presently live in Tampa, Florida.

Very truly yours,

George M. Steinbrenner III

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Sworn to before me this

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